

(APOC) ARIZONA PARTICIPATING OPERATORS COMMITTEE

A. APOC

1. *State Committee of Blind Vendors*

In Arizona, the Arizona Participating Operators Committee (APOC) shall be the state committee of blind vendors which shall actively participate in the Business Enterprise Program as provided below and elsewhere in this Article.

APOC shall enact and publish by-laws consistent with this Article and any applicable regulatory or statutory provisions and provide BEP with a copy.

In fulfilling its ultimate responsibility for the administration and operation of all aspects of the Business Enterprise Program, the Department shall assure that APOC shall actively participate in (including but not limited to the following):

Developing and proposing rules and policies for the BEP.

Resolving grievances filed in writing with APOC by BEP operators. At the discretion of the BEP operator, a member of APOC can act as his/her representative at any fair hearing.

Establishing and maintaining list of operators who can authorize emergency repairs.

Working with the BEP to establish training curricula and by serving as lecturers, faculty members, or in other roles at such training.

Accepting new trainees, licensing new operators, and selecting operators for placement in BEP merchandising locations.

Managing Operators' Insurance and Retirement benefits.

Developing Upward Mobility Training opportunities.

Identifying, accepting and developing new Business Enterprise Merchandising Operations.

Deciding to combine, abandon, or assign Business Enterprise Merchandising Operations.

Monitoring and developing action plans for Business Enterprise Merchandising Operations that are in trouble.

Maintaining the list of BEP Licensed Operators eligible to bid on newly available Business Enterprise Merchandising Operations and reviewing each operator annually.

Modifying the Operator's Agreement.

Solving disagreements about payment of "Fair Minimum" payments.

Solving disagreements relating to "Responsible Inventories".